

REMARKS

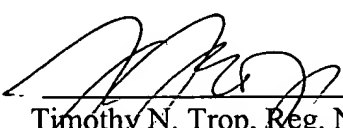
Since all the claims have been placed in forms indicated to be allowable, the present application should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 1-18 and 20-30 are now pending, with claims 1, 16, and 26 being independent. Claim 16 has been amended in response to the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC § 112 and 35 USC § 102(e).

Independent claim 16 stands rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Lehman. Claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter corresponding to but somewhat different than that of former dependent claim 19. Claim 19 was rejected under 35 USC § 112 but the subject matter of claim 19 was not rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) and indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

In view of these remarks and amendments, the Assignee submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-1504 (ITL.0324US).

Respectfully submitted,

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